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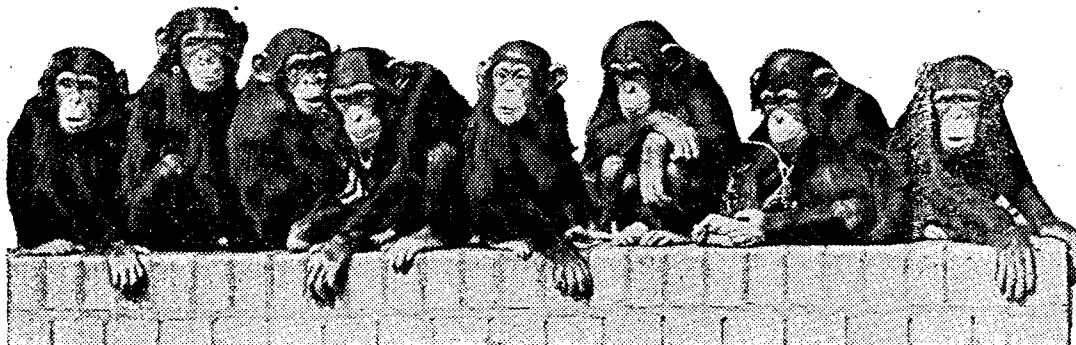
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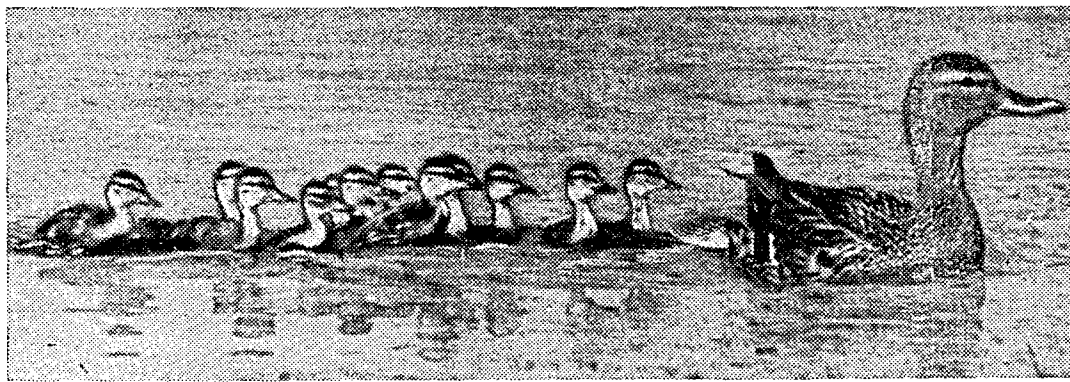
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UP ON THE WALL DOWN ON THE POND

Eight chimps which will be seen in the Children's Zoo at Regent's Park, London, this summer. Below: Twelve ducklings and their mother on their morning swim at Epsom, Surrey.



ELECTRICITY FOR FANS

Rugby club uses shock tactics

Enthusiasm for rugby football, the national game of New Zealand, created a problem for one small-town club in Auckland Province: the local fans would stand too near the touchlines, and when play was in a corner even surged forward onto the field of play.

A rope would not stand the strain, and crush-barriers stout

enough for the purpose would have cost more to build than the club could afford. But New Zealand is a dairy-farming country where they know that the simplest way to keep cattle from straying is with an electrified fence—a strand of bare wire on stakes a yard high, carrying a low-voltage current which is harmless to man and beast but has enough "sting" to keep cattle in their place.

Someone suggested that what was good enough for cows might be good enough for rugger spectators. So the wire was put up, and at the next match the onlookers respectfully toed the (electric) line.

Dug up in his garden



While working in his garden Mr. Albert Moss of Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, dug up this sandstone carving of The Crucifixion. Its origin is a mystery.

Link with Saxon England

Archaeologists from Durham University are helping Sunderland Corporation to find the remains of the seventh-century monastery of St. Peter at Monkwearmouth, of which only the Saxon tower is still standing.

This early centre of Christianity and learning in the North was founded in 674 by the scholarly Benedict Biscop, who also built the sister monastery at Jarrow. One of his pupils was the Venerable Bede, who became the great historian of the Church in Saxon England.

Animal antics

JUMBO, a 16-year-old Indian elephant at Paignton Zoo, pulled a coat off a schoolgirl visitor and munched it.

A CAT was found at Bermondsey, London, with its head wedged in an empty pilchard tin. Firemen were called to cut away the tin, and the cat walked away unharmed.

A LION escaped from its cage at a carnival at Santa Fé Springs, California. But the screams of frightened people frightened the lion—and it quickly went back into its cage.

A MINK found its way on to the North Pier at Blackpool, and dodged among deck chairs before being recaptured.

MINT OF MONEY

Everybody is interested in money, but one cannot help wondering if the staff of the Royal Mint sometimes get tired of the sight of it. Last year they worked overtime to produce a record total of 593,201,554 coins, weighing altogether 2940 tons. Only half of the coins were for use in Britain, and most of these were sixpences and halfpennies. Over 200 million coins were for Ghana's new currency, which is to replace the British West African coinage.

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CORNISH INVASION OF DEVON

By an error in the published schedule of the Devon County Show, the Cornish boys and girls of St. Gorran School, near Falmouth, were able to take part in an event which is regarded as Devon's own. What is more, this Cornish school won praise from the judges, and an award.

Events in the Young Farmers' Club section are usually restricted to Devon's young farmers, but the words "in Devon" which make this clear were omitted from the announcement.

A member of St. Gorran School Y.F.C. spotted this and in went an application from the club. It was accepted, for as the show secretary said afterwards, "It may have been an error that let them

in, but we welcome their entry. Good luck to them!"

St. Gorran's, a private school, has its own farm, but this was the first time it had entered a county show.

Each year the boys and girls decide on an adventure trip, and this year a group have chosen Norway. With their usual thoroughness, they wrote to the Norwegian Minister of Agriculture and told him of their intentions.

"He replied with news of a marvellous programme which he has mapped out for them," said the school's principal. "He has arranged for them to visit farms and many other places of interest."

House that is nice and airy

In the picture below we show a new kind of marquee which has to be blown up before it can be used. This process takes 15 minutes.

Made of nylon or Terylene fabric, the marquee is kept erect and taut by the continual blowing of low-pressure air from two electric fans. In cold weather these fans can deliver warm air.

Having no poles or other interior obstructions, this "air-house" is very convenient for outdoor functions, the whole space inside being available for seats or stalls or tables. It will stand up to winds of gale force, too, for the fabric is secured to a base ring firmly pegged to the ground. The entrance has two sets of doors to form an air lock, and thus prevent the air escaping too quickly.

PIECE OF OLD YORKSHIRE

An urn thought to date from 1400 B.C. has been found at Harden Moor, Bingley, Yorkshire. A foot high and nine inches across, it is the first of its type ever found in the West Riding, and suggests that there was a primitive culture in the area 200 years earlier than had been thought.

In the Bronze Age funeral barrow in which it was found were fragments of other urns, with flints and charcoal.

Bound for the scrap heap

The German motor vessel *Wolfsburg* is making an unusual last voyage. Now 40 years old, she has left Ipswich for Tokyo with 8000 tons of scrap on board, and after unloading will follow her cargo onto the scrap heap. Her crew will return by plane.



Sierra Leone prepares for independence

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

AFRICA, which was largely unexplored only a century ago, next year enters its "decade of destiny." Most African experts believe that in the ten years that lie ahead most of the continent between the Sahara and South Africa will be governing itself under non-European leaders.

Next year the constitution of the uneasy Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, where there have been troubles, will be reviewed; huge Nigeria will be an independent Commonwealth country; the United Nations trustee territory of Somalia will become independent; and Kenya will get a new constitution helping towards independence.

And now Sierra Leone, the combined colony and protectorate in British West Africa, hopes to be running its own affairs by 1961.

Mountains of the Lion

Sierra Leone—Mountains of the Lion! It is a romantic and challenging name! It was so called by Pedro da Cintra, a Portuguese adventurer of the 15th century. When, in the 18th century, the movement to abolish the slave trade achieved its first great triumph, the British Government decided to make Sierra Leone a home for freed and destitute slaves who were sheltering in England.

Granville Sharpe, a leader of the abolition movement, sent out settlers, and these founded the aptly-named capital of Freetown. It is Freetown and a small area of about 250 square miles around it which to this day form the colony

of Sierra Leone. It is there that most of the Creoles live—descendants of the freed slaves.

The rest of the country forms the protectorate, and this is made up of the northern province, the largest, the south-western and the south-eastern provinces. Colony and protectorate together comprise about 28,000 square miles.

It is estimated that 25 per cent of the Africans in the small colony are settlers and their descendants. The bulk of the population of Sierra Leone (estimated at two-and-a-half million), which includes about 1000 Europeans and some 2000 Asians, is composed of Africans of many tribes.

Free neighbours

Sierra Leone, named from the mountains rising 3000 feet above the sea around Freetown, is about as big as Ireland. It is bounded on one side by the Negro independent State of Liberia. On the other is Guinea, which last year voted itself out of the French colonial empire and recently entered a form of union with Ghana.

When Britain made the slave trade illegal in 1807 she made Sierra Leone a base from which to

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FROM ENGLAND TO MALTA BY CANOE

Four Cambridge students plan to leave England on June 22 in an attempt to reach Malta by canoe. They will travel in two specially-built canoes they hope to sell on arrival in Malta.

Their route will take them across the Channel from Dover to Calais, and from there they will travel across France by various inland waterways until they reach the Mediterranean.

On the next stage they will keep close to the French and Italian coasts until Sicily is reached. The last lap will be the most difficult, for it will mean crossing 70 miles of open sea.

Pigeons carried the SOS

Six men recently had a narrow escape while out on a fishing trip off the north coast of Queensland. The rudder of their launch broke and left them drifting, out of sight of land.

Fortunately, one of them had brought half-a-dozen carrier pigeons that he had been given as a present, thinking it would be fun to try to send messages to his wife while on the trip. Instead, he released four of the pigeons with SOS messages.

Three days passed but no help came, and in desperation he released the other two—their last hope. One of these pigeons reached the home loft, starting a search which led to another launch arriving on the scene to tow the damaged vessel into Townsville.

Sierra Leone

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enforce the Act. A year later Sierra Leone was made a Crown Colony with a governor and an advisory council.

In 1896 a protectorate was established over the large hinterland, but it was not until the present decade that the Africans began to move towards self-government. The Creoles of the coastal colony went ahead faster than the less-educated African tribes in the protectorate.

Yet today the Creoles and tribal Africans are represented in the governor's council, or Cabinet, and in the all-African House of Representatives, or Parliament. The governor is Sir Maurice Dorman, and his chief minister is Sir Milton Margai, a Negro from one of the interior tribes.

The first doctor

Sir Milton was the first African in the protectorate to qualify as a doctor, but he gave up practice to concentrate on politics. No doubt he will be first Prime Minister of an independent Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone should have a great future. When Britain eventually hands over responsibility for government to the people of Sierra Leone it will leave behind a tradition of public service second to none and a land which has become one of the most enlightened in Africa.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

John Foster Dulles bequeathed his five-acre island in Lake Ontario to the Canadian Government "in memory of the many happy days I spent on this bit of Canadian soil."

Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, has been appointed Governor of Tasmania.

A hospital for animals is to be built at Nottingham.

The smallest electric light bulb in the world was shown in New York recently. Less than a tenth-of-an-inch long, it can be passed through the eye of a needle.

ON THE SLATE

The rector of Breadsall, Derbyshire, is raising money for a new church roof by offering slate tiles at one shilling each. Buyers have their initials engraved on the slates before they become part of the roof.

London's old tram tunnel under Kingsway is to be re-opened again for light traffic.

Fishing with a cloth bag attached to a length of a string, 13-year-old Graham Millard, of Bedford, spent four hours rescuing two kittens which had fallen down a narrow gap between a wall and a shed.

British cars are becoming increasingly popular in the United States, and 22 different makes were recently demonstrated to American journalists at Lime Rock, Connecticut.

QUICK WORK

Thelma Chalmers, aged 25, has become the champion typist of Great Britain. Her speed in a ten-minute test was 122 words a minute.

All traffic was stopped for two minutes when a Road Safety Campaign was started in Vienna.

The Swiss Government has introduced a speed limit of 50 m.p.h. for cars and lorries on roads in the open country.

THEY SAY . . .

PEOPLE rely so much on wheels for transport that in a thousand years the human race might be legless, like tadpoles.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews, Chairman of the R.A.C.

LEARNING about the lands of the Commonwealth is surely a very enthralling way of introducing children to geographical studies.

Sir Edward Boyle, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education.

Shouldering the new rudder



Sea Rangers of Gravesend are repairing their 27-foot whaler, and here is one of them, Valerie Jarvis, with the new rudder for the craft.

IN WILD WEST NEW YORK

The other night a New York woman telephoned the police to say that a wild beast was prowling round her house. A policeman hurried to the address, and seeing a furry shape on the porch, popped a bucket over it, with some heavy stones on top.

An official of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was then summoned, and while he stood by with a lasso the policeman whisked away the bucket—and uncovered an old Davy Crockett hat!

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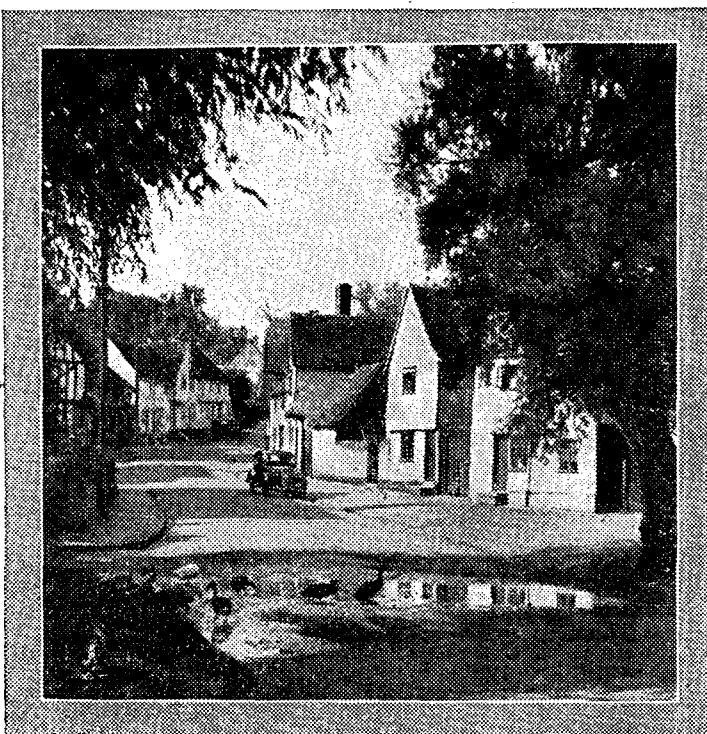
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OUR HOMELAND

Old cottages in the Suffolk village of Kersey



Bringing home the penguin

While on their homeward voyage the crew of H.M.S. Protector made this seven-foot penguin for a mascot. They have been on patrol duty in the Antarctic.

THREE WEEKS TO MOVE THE BOOKS

Sheffield University has a new library which will hold a million books and has seating for more than 400 readers.

On June 15 three vans will start a three-week job of taking miles of books from the old library to the new. While one van is loading, a second will be on the move, and a third delivering the books.

Last day—First flight

Councillor Mrs. Florence Riggott celebrated her last day as Mayor of Derby in an unusual way. She was taken for an hour's flight over the town in a Handley Page Marathon airliner as the guest of an airline company.

She had travelled hundreds of miles by road in Derby during her year of office, but the company thought it would be fitting for the Mayor to see the town from a new angle.

It was Mrs. Riggott's first flight.

CAMERAS FOR C N READERS

The Brownie 127 Cameras, prizes in C N Competition No. 25, were awarded to Joyce Evans, London, S.W.1; Linda Funston, Bath; Paul Gray, Leicester; Pamela Hill, Bridgwater; and Paul Judson, Bromsgrove, whose entries were correct and the neatest according to age.

Book prizes have been sent to these runners-up: Alison Andrew, St. Leonards-on-Sea; David Bailey, Purley; Roger Burns, Warrington; David Eldon, Brough; Rosabel Jones, Nottingham; Millar Law, Edinburgh; Keith McCombie, Epsom Downs; Judith Smith, Sutton; Patricia Starling, Norwich; and Pauline Sykes, Hastings.

SOLUTION: 1. Slow; 2. School; 3. Road Narrows; 4. Speed Limit; 5. Bend; 6. Road Junction; 7. Roundabout; 8. Crossing—No Gates.

RIGHT UP YOUR STREET

"My Favourite Street" is the title of an essay competition being run by the Council for Visual Education. Competitors are asked to write about a road, square, or village green that they know well, describe some of its buildings, and make suggestions for its improvement.

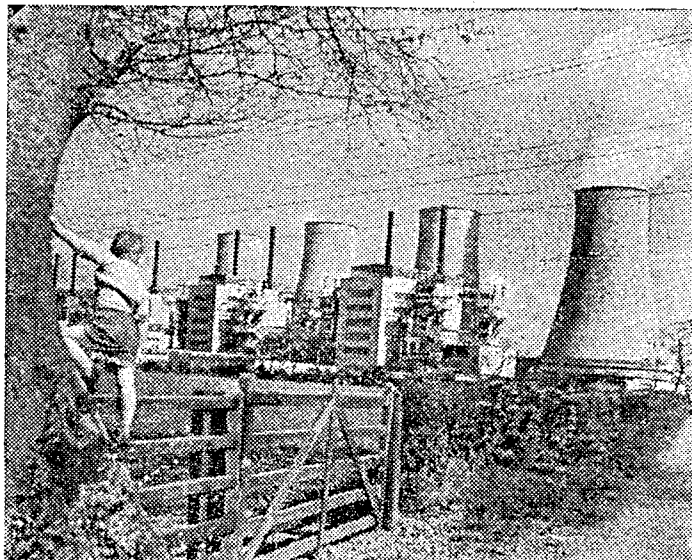
The idea is to encourage boys and girls to use their eyes and imagination. There are three age groups: 10 to 12, 13 to 15, and 16 to 18. Prizes are book tokens of £4 and £2 for the first two groups, and £5 and £3 for the third. There will also be certificates for essays of special merit. Entries must be sent in before November 2.

More details can be obtained from Mr. W. A. Yerbury, The Council for Visual Education, 13 Suffolk Street, London, S.W.1.

Plane with 167,000 parts

The Vulcan bomber, which can fly from Lincoln to London in just over ten minutes, contains 167,000 parts and enough sheet metal to cover one-and-a-half football pitches.

These facts were given by a senior officer at Waddington R.A.F. station recently, when visitors saw Vulcans of Number 83 Squadron being serviced and in flight.



Peeping into the future

This boy has climbed up to take a look at the great nuclear power station recently opened at Chapelcross, near Annan, Dumfriesshire.

Driving lessons for sixth-formers

The Royal Automobile Club's scheme of driving tuition for senior boys and girls has already been referred to in the C N. A similar scheme, sponsored by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, has been tried out at Dunfermline and at two schools in Dulwich. Next term it is to be extended to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, where 16 sixth-form boys and girls will have driving instruction from policemen.

Lessons will cost them about 4s. each—for hiring a car, petrol, and insurance.

Best in the Band

The Admiralty has presented four "sea story" books to the Felixstowe Modern School to mark the outstanding progress of Victor Judd, a former pupil.

Victor has won a certificate of merit for being the best all-round boy bandsman with the Marines. Chosen to play at this year's Royal Tournament, he will later tour Canada and America with the band.

Bill and his new camera



Bill's new camera is a birthday present from Dad.

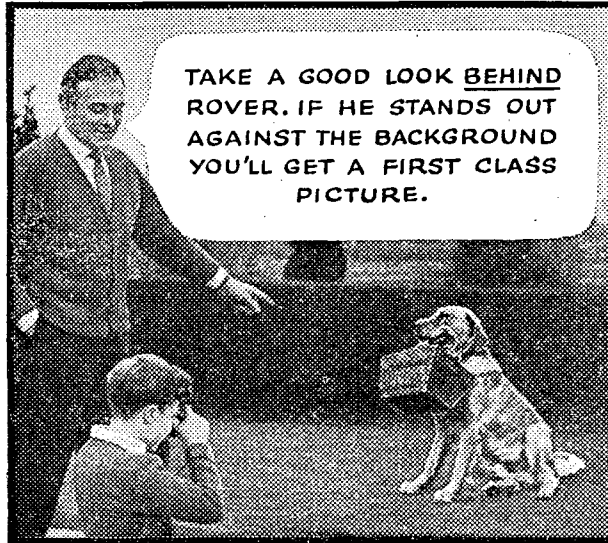
It's the smart, streamlined 'Brownie' 127.

Dad gives Bill some tips on using it.

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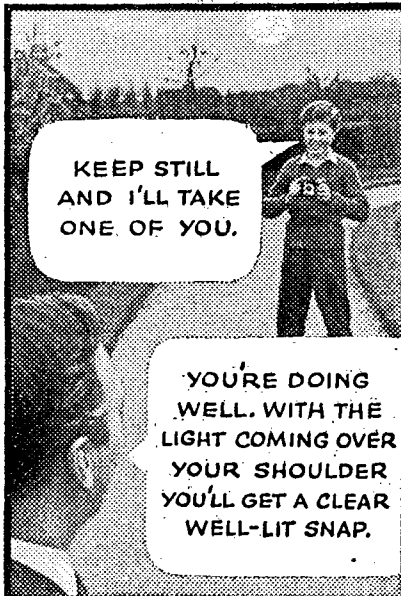


I'VE GOT IT DAD!



WELL DONE! TRY ANOTHER—BUT REMEMBER TO WIND ON FIRST!

KEEP STILL AND I'LL TAKE ONE OF YOU.



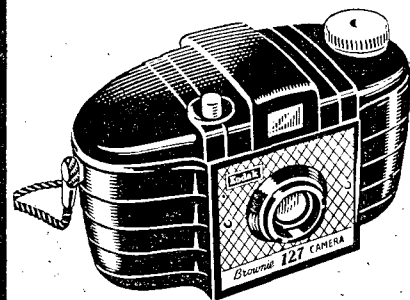
YOU'RE DOING WELL. WITH THE LIGHT COMING OVER YOUR SHOULDER YOU'LL GET A CLEAR WELL-LIT SNAP.

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ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

Billy Bunter is back again

WATCH out for the Fat Owl of Greyfriars on Saturday. Billy Bunter will be back in BBC Children's TV for a brand new set of nine escapades specially written by his creator Frank Richards.

They will be seen roughly once a fortnight. Gerald Campion will again play Bunter, the part he has made his own on TV ever since the first series in February 1952. He is now 36, but looks as youthful as ever, standing 5 feet 5 inches in his socks and weighing around 12 stone.

Apart from Gerald Campion, they are all new boys this time and about the age of the actual characters. Bob Cherry, leader of the Famous Five, will be played by Cavan Kendall, brother of Kay Kendall, the famous actress. Harry Wharton will be played by Richard Palmer, Frank Nugent by Michael Crawford, Hurree Singh by Leonard Davey, and Johnny Bull by Nigel Anthony.

As the irascible Mr. Quelch we shall see John Woodnutt, who had TV parts in The Pocket Lancer and The Cabin in the Clearing.

Bunter's Bargain, the opening episode, tells how the Fat Owl's chair collapses under him. He buys a second-hand one, with amazing results.



Author Frank Richards (real name Charles Hamilton) is now well into his eighties. He reckons he has written 10,000 stories since his first one at the age of 17.

Besides the nine new episodes, Frank Richards caused astonishment in the BBC by sending in an extra one entirely in Latin.

"It is a beautiful bit of work," I was told by Mr. Owen Reid, chief of Children's TV. "A real collector's piece. We can't present the entire story, but are hoping to recruit a team of grammar school boys in the near future to do a filmed excerpt lasting perhaps five minutes."

Roaming the Civil War battlefields

BATTLEFIELD hunting is a new pastime which got a big boost recently when Network Three broadcast on-the-spot recordings in The Normans series from the scene of the Battle of Hastings.

This Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., Network Three will begin ranging over the battlefields of the Civil War. People living in many parts of England, apart from the south-east and East Anglia, will find one or more within easy reach.

The first programme opens with recordings from Edgehill, Warwickshire, the first big battle between the Roundheads and Cavaliers. The following week listeners will be taken to Chalgrove, Oxfordshire, famous for its cavalry action and the death of John Hampden. Then to Lansdown, near Bath; Gloucester, which was besieged; Marston Moor, near York, scene of the biggest battle ever fought on English soil; and finally, Naseby, Leicestershire, where Charles I's cause received its death blow.

IS THIS YOUR SPORT?

PICK your sport and be coached in it by TV. That is the invitation from Summer Sport, the fortnightly feature starting in BBC Children's TV on Friday to replace Junior Sportsview while it is on holiday until August.

Swimming is next. Friday's sport, with Bill Latta, the well-known commentator, introducing several Olympic stars. Here are other dates for your summer Sport diary:—Athletics, June 26; Riding and Archery, July 10; Lawn Tennis, July 24; and Cricket, August 7.

**Ty Hardin, real cowboy**

NOR many TV cowboys have been real cowboys like Ty Hardin, who plays the hero Bronco Layne in BBC Television's new Western series on Monday evenings. Born in New York City, Ty was taken to Texas when only six months old and was a hard-riding cowpuncher before going to technical college.

He became a film actor by accident. One day he went to the studios to hire a fancy-dress costume. Instead, he himself was hired for the Bronco Layne rôle.

Ty Hardin has lots of hobbies—outdoor and indoor. His sports include American football, baseball, skiing, swimming, tennis, golf, and riding. At home he builds hi-fi radiograms.

ALL ABOARD
Circus goes on tour in a modern Noah's Ark

THE nearest thing to an up-to-date Noah's Ark will be the good ship *Empire Celtic* at Preston Dock next Tuesday evening. BBC television cameras will open up at 8 p.m. to show the entire Chipperfield Circus going aboard for a voyage to Belfast.

"We can't promise that the animals will go in two by two," Producer Peter Webber told me. "But there'll be a gorgeous assortment—lions, tigers, bears, crocodiles, chimps, elephants, a hippo. Yes, and a nice slither of snakes."

Peter wishes we could see them all walking or creeping up the gang-plank of this converted tank-landing ship. The horses and dogs may oblige, but the majority will have to be run up in crates, not only for their own safety but for Richard Hearne's, too. "Mr. Pastry," acting as a TV commentator for the first time, may be nervous enough already, without having a crocodile snapping at his trousers or a bear giving him a big hug.

If the elephants are too heavy for the loading ramp they may be hoisted on deck by crane. Dick Chipperfield, who owns the circus, will be "Mr. Noah."

The *Empire Celtic*—and Mr. Pastry**Boys will be ladies**

TWO well-known West-Country actresses who would rather keep their names secret, are to play teenage boys in the early part of Simon, a new serial about Cavaliers and Roundheads beginning in BBC Children's Hour this Wednesday.

One will be heard as Simon Carey of Lovacott Farm, Devon, who is only a boy when the war begins in 1642. The other has the part of young Amias, Simon's friend. Simon hopes the war will last until he is old enough to take part in it. His wish is granted and we follow his fortunes as a man (played by John Drake) until peace comes again. The part of his grown-up friend Amias will be played by Charles Hodgson.

Why women actors for boys?

parts? At the BBC I was told that Simon and Amias stay young for such a short time that it was not thought worthwhile to bring boy actors to the West of England studios.

Some actresses are extremely good on radio at playing boys. An outstanding case is Patricia Hayes, who always plays Henry in the famous boy detective combination, Norman and Henry Bones.

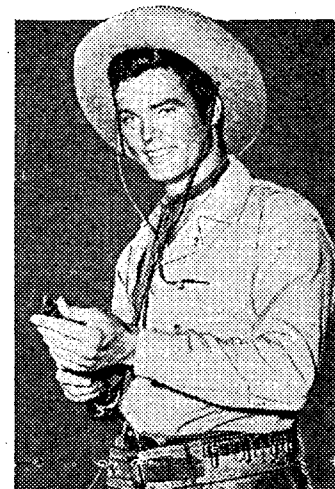
Simon has been dramatised by Felix Felton from the book by Rosemary Sutcliffe, whose *The Eagle of the North* was a great success in Children's Hour.

Specially for the ferroviaphiles

A DIESEL train roars over a viaduct. Can you tell me from the sound whether the engine is diesel-electric or diesel-hydraulic? In Network Three next Monday, in the programme called *On Railways*, O. S. Nock will play recordings helping us to become wizards at identifying these and other train noises at a distance.

From express engine footplates Wynford Vaughan Thomas recorded reports for the programme on the Great Western and other systems of automatic train control.

On Railways is the new monthly half-hour at 6.15 on Network Three specially for railway enthusiasts, or, as the BBC is trying to call them, *ferroviaphiles*, meaning iron-way-lovers. I hope you agree with me that this word is a horrid mixture. The last syllable comes from Greek, the others from Latin.

**what's missing?**

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Young birds that are unlike their parents

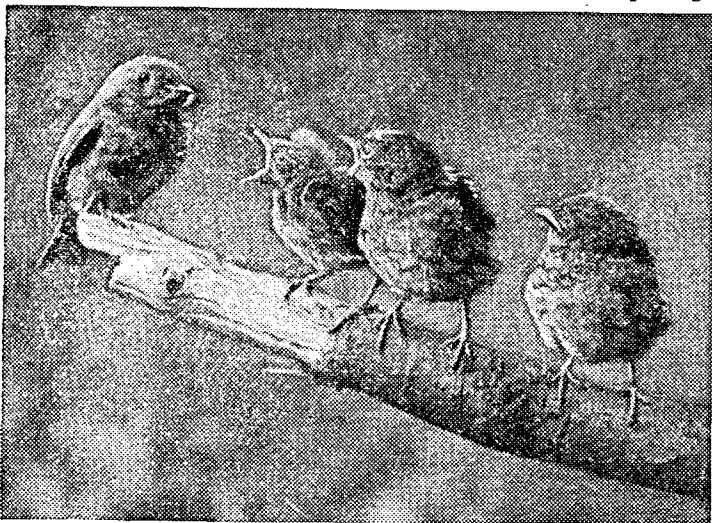
THIS is the time of year when many young birds appear on our lawns and in the hedgerows; and being in their juvenile plumage, some of them look very different from their parents.

Young rooks, for instance, are liable to be confused with carrion crows, because they lack the bare patch at the base of the bill, which is the easiest way of telling a rook from a crow. Luckily, you usually see them accompanied by some old rooks, and as rooks and crows never seem to flock together, it is safe to assume that an apparently mixed flock of rooks and crows is in fact composed of

triangular wings and short tail. Young blackbirds are a warm brown in colour, but speckled with darker brown. They are thus like their mothers and not in the least like their all-black fathers. Young song thrushes can be recognised by the pale specklings on their backs.

But the young bird that differs most from its parents is the young robin. It has a speckled breast, and looks just like a miniature thrush.

Young great and blue tits can be distinguished from their parents by the yellowish tinge on the white parts of their plumage.



A robin brings food to its three hungry fledglings

adult and young rooks. If you do chance to see a young rook by itself, you can still tell it by the baggy-trousered effect of the feathers just above its legs, as well as by the sheen on its feathers which is purplish instead of green.

Young starlings also look very different from their parents. They are a kind of mouse brown, with none of the purple and green sheen of their parents' summer plumage or the light spotting of their winter dress. In this plumage you might at first glance mistake a young starling for a young blackbird or thrush. But you can always tell starlings by their bustling gait; they walk, where blackbirds and thrushes either run or hop. Their outline in the air, too, is quite distinct, with sharply

Young wood-pigeons lack the white patches on the neck that give their parents the alternative name of "ring-dove." Young coots are strikingly different from their all-black parents, for they have white shirt-fronts. Young gulls of all kinds have a brownish speckled plumage instead of the grey and white of their parents.

Young birds are also responsible for many strange and confusing calls at this time of year. Young pheasants make an extraordinary piping and creaking sound curiously like that of a bullfinch. Young starlings make an insistent churr which means that they want to be fed. Young cuckoos utter a shrill cry that seems to have the power to compel any parent bird in the neighbourhood to go and feed the cuckoo instead of its own hungry offspring.

Incidentally, if you find a young bird out of the nest but unable to fly, never take it home unless you are absolutely certain it has been abandoned by its own parents. It is better to hide nearby for at least half an hour, to make sure that the parents are not feeding it. They will not come while you can be seen.

So if you do find a young bird, place it in a safe place and hope that the parents will come and feed it.

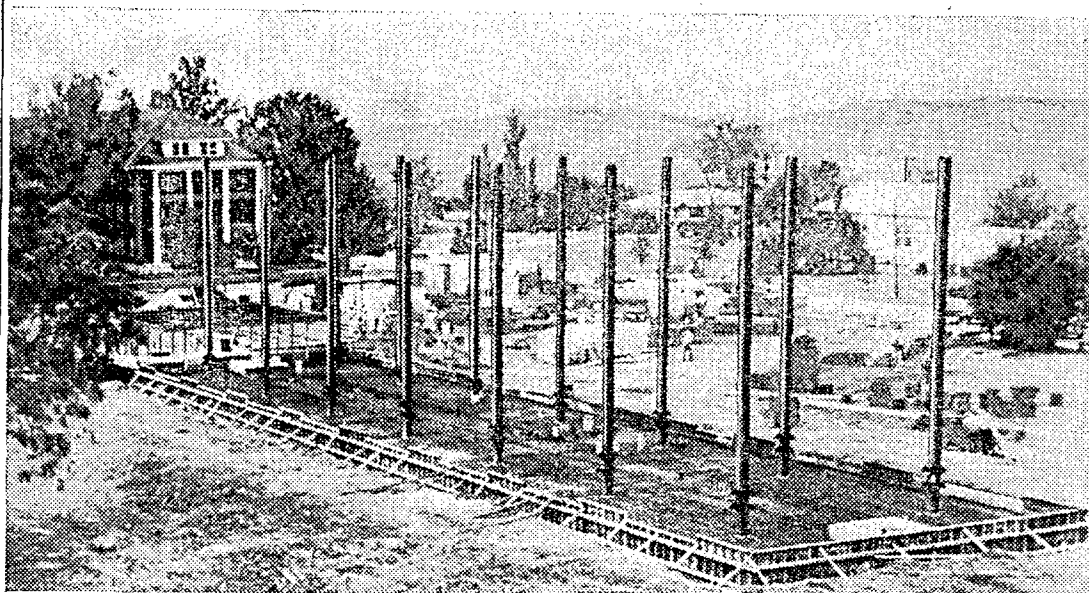
RICHARD FITTER.



Blackbird and young

These pictures are by John Markham

RAISING THE ROOF



Foundations having been laid, the roof and upper floors are cast in concrete above them. They are raised in turn up the columns and then locked in position.

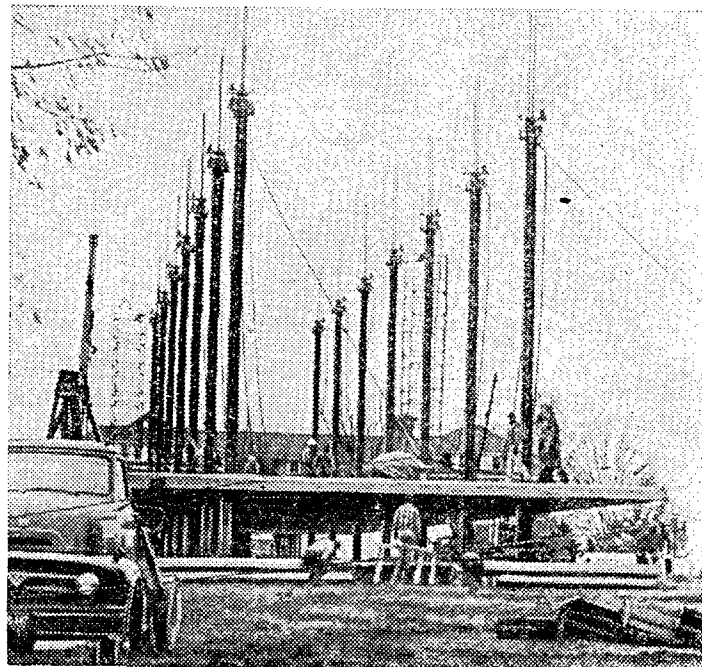
A new system of building big blocks of flats, offices, or schools has been introduced into Britain from the United States. It is claimed to be cheaper and quicker, and also safer, for almost all the construction work and fitting is done at ground level.

First of all, the foundations of the building are laid in the usual way and the supporting columns fixed in position to the full height of the building. Then a thin layer of plastic is laid over the foundations, and on this the first floor is cast in reinforced concrete. Another layer of plastic follows and then another floor, finally the roof itself.

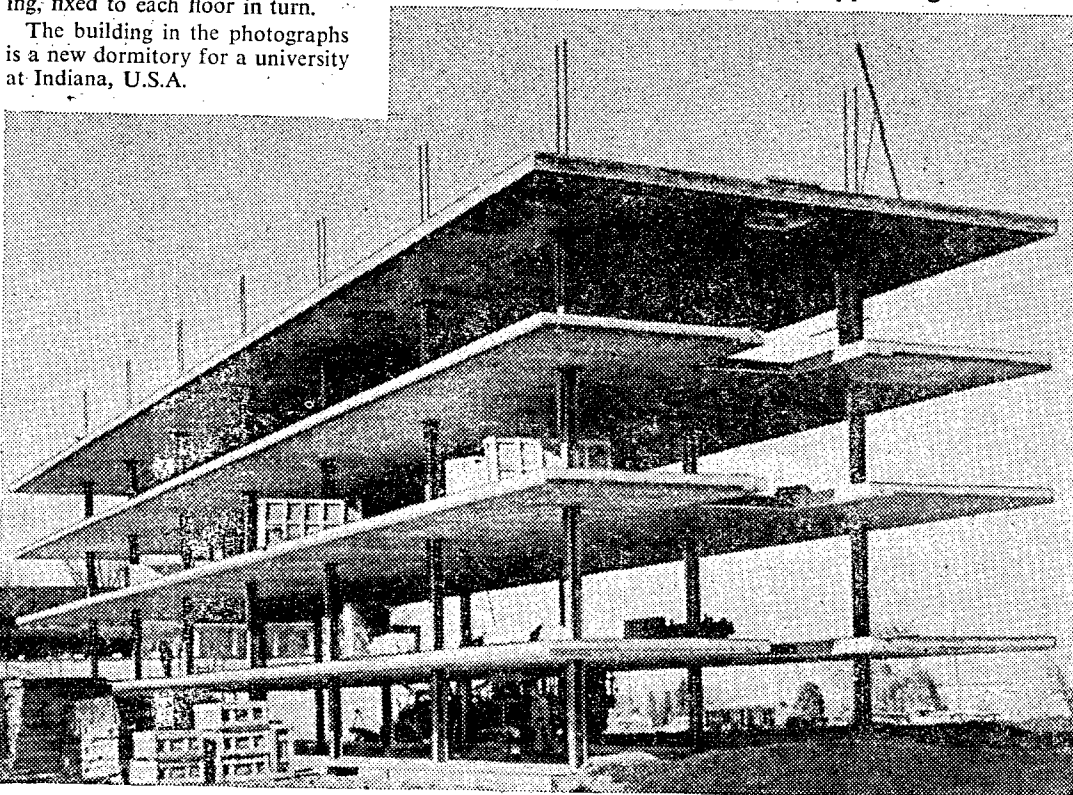
When everything has been cast, the roof is hoisted up the columns and locked into place. Then the next floor has all its fittings installed and is similarly hoisted and locked to the columns, and so on with all the other floors in turn.

The outer walls form what is simply a shell for the whole building, fixed to each floor in turn.

The building in the photographs is a new dormitory for a university at Indiana, U.S.A.

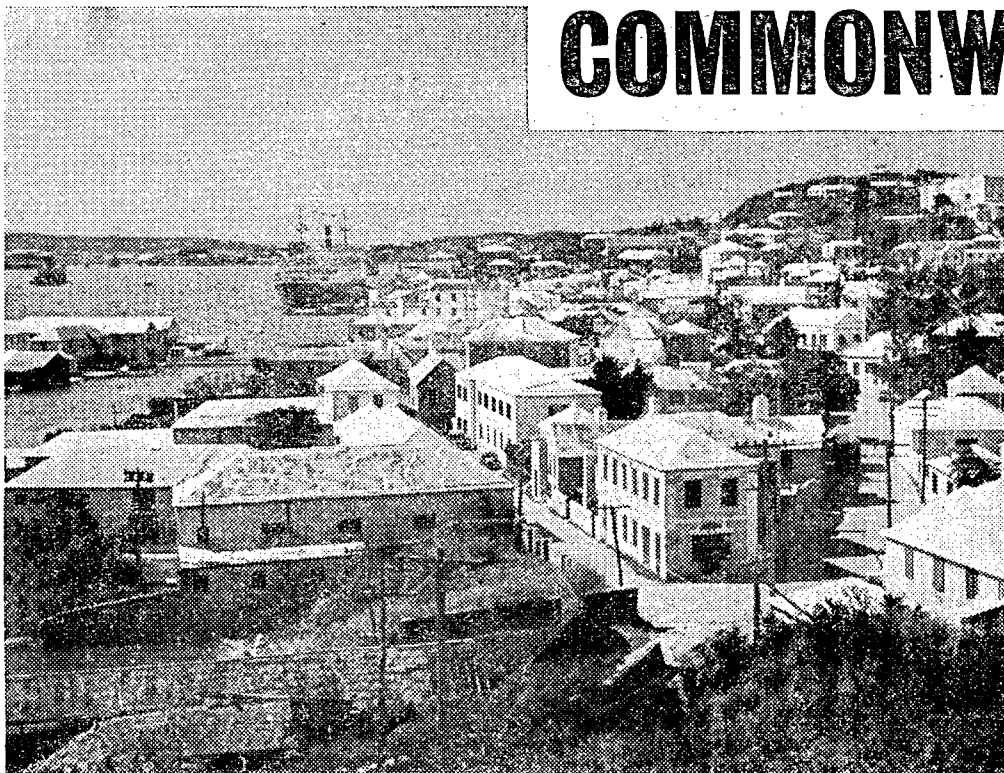


The roof being hoisted up the supporting columns

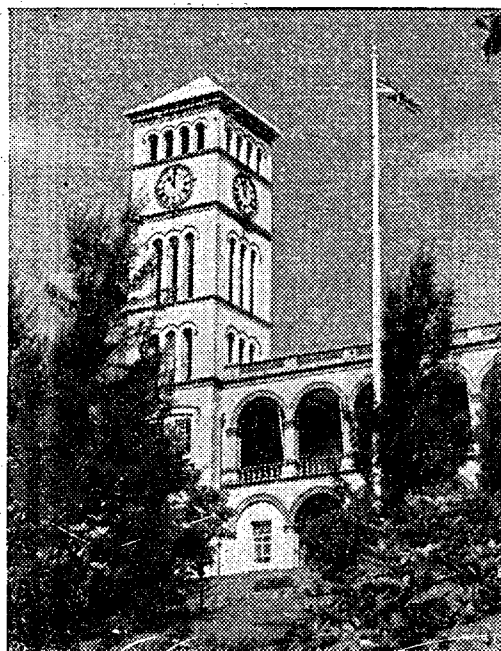


Floors and roof ready for walls to be added

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In Atlantic sunshine—white buildings overlook the harbour at St George's



Parliament House, Hamilton

THE colony of Bermuda, which is celebrating its 350th anniversary, is a group of some 300 small islands in the Atlantic 600 miles east of North Carolina, U.S. The total area, formerly 19 square miles, has been increased to just under 21 square miles by the linking of certain islands for United States Bases. Only about 20 of the islands are inhabited, and the population, largely of African descent, numbers about 44,000. The port of Hamilton, the capital, has some 3000 citizens.

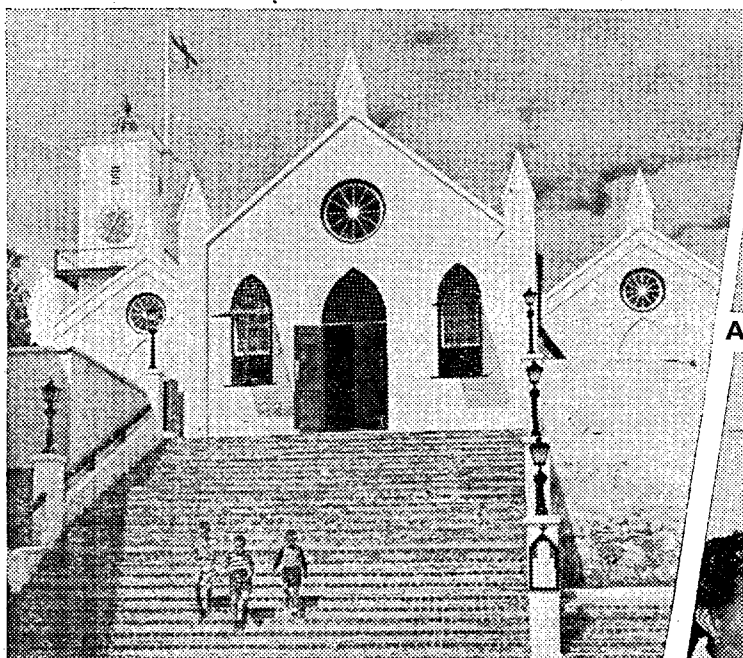
THE islands were discovered early in the 16th century by a Spaniard, Juan Bermúdez, after whom they were named, but they remained uninhabited until 1609.



A sandy cove protected from bi



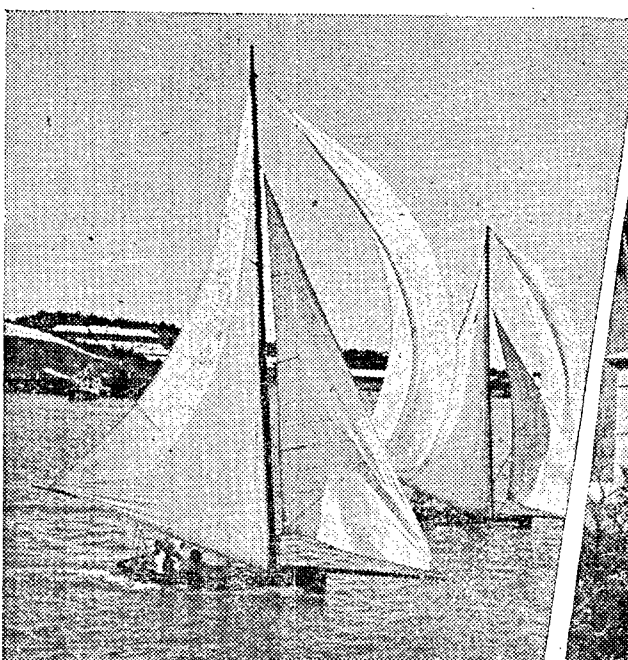
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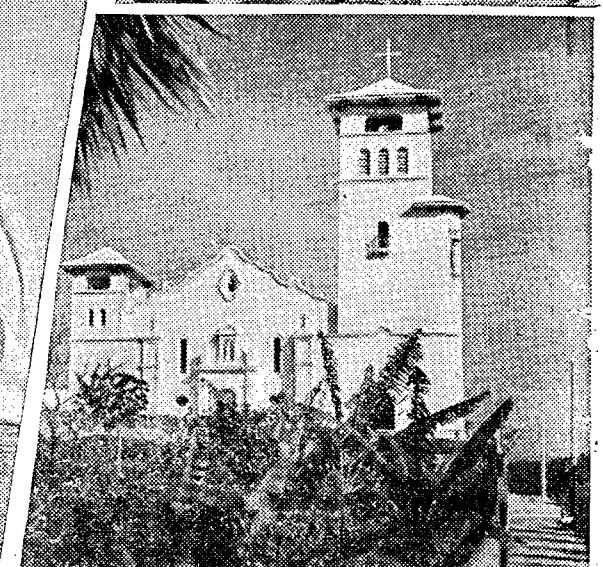
St Peter's Church, at St George's, the former capital of Bermuda



Typical house, with steps like "welcoming arms"



Dinghy racing in St George's Harbour



Modern church on the outskirts of Hamilton

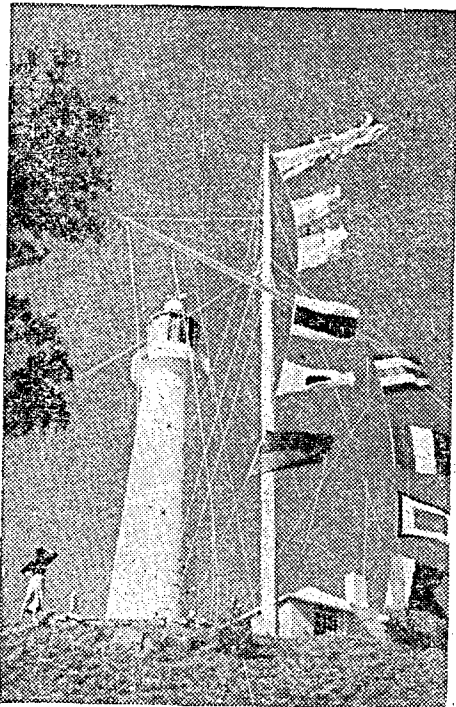
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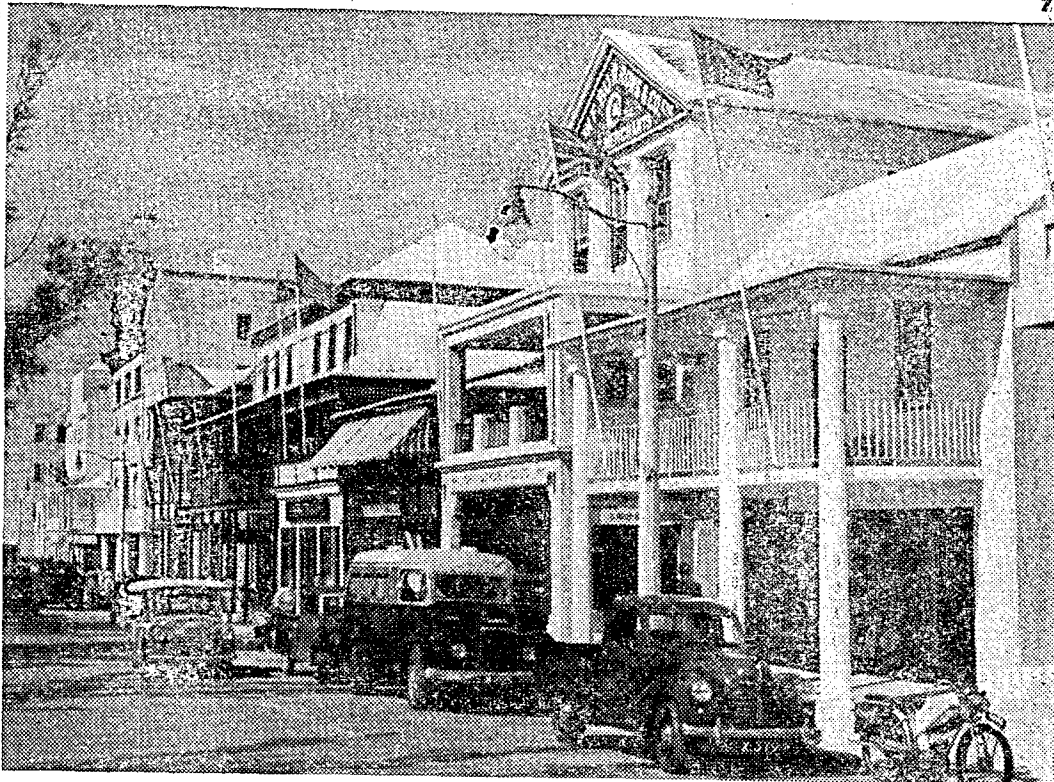
In June of that year Sir George Somers sailed from Plymouth for Virginia. The nine vessels under his command were scattered in a storm, and his own ship, *Sea Venture*, was wrecked off the Bermudas, where he and other survivors founded a settlement. Bermuda is now Britain's oldest self-governing colony.

A PLEASANT climate, sandy beaches, and beautiful scenery make Bermuda a popular holiday resort, the tourist trade being the islanders' main industry. Only about 860 acres of land are cultivated, the chief crops being bananas, citrus fruit, lilies, and various vegetables.

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Gibb's Hill Lighthouse, on a hilltop



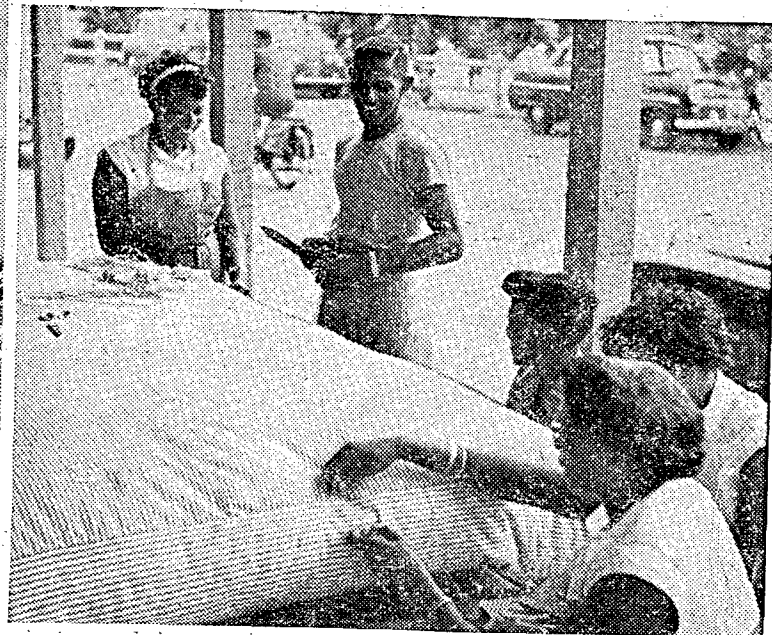
In Bermuda's capital—a shopping street in Hamilton



waves and sharks by coral reefs



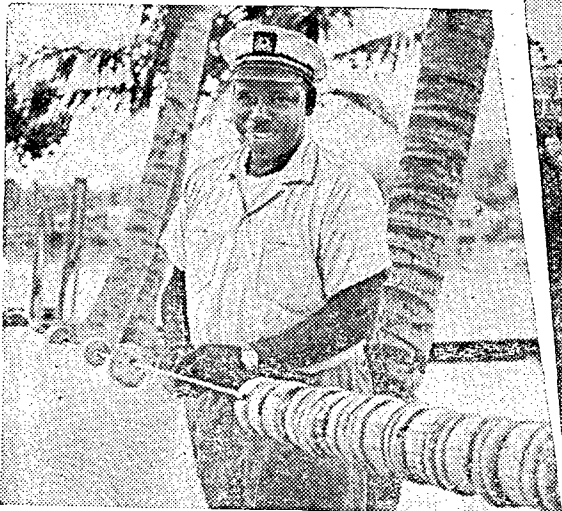
Taxi with a fringe on top. Cars were introduced in 1946, and none must exceed 14 h.p.



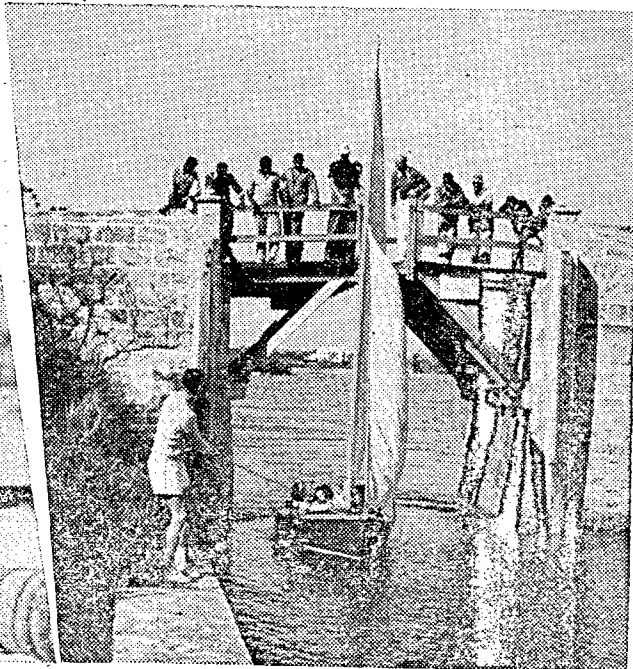
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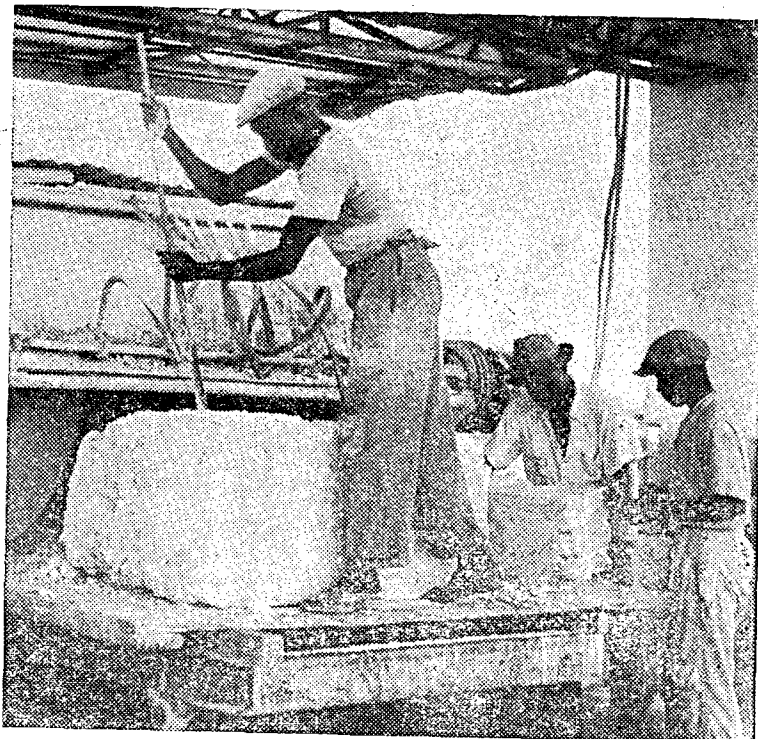
Sewing class at a girls' school



Fisherman stitching floats to a new net



A movable 18-inch board lets boats pass



Cutting blocks of limestone for Bermuda buildings



Shoes by the dozen for dancing feet

Ballerinas need a lot of shoes and sometimes order as many as 50 pairs at a time. Great skill is needed by these craftsmen who blend leather, canvas padding and satin to provide strength, comfort and elegance combined.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

Saturn comes into view

ABSENT from our evening skies for so long, the planet Saturn may now be seen very low in the south-east soon after eleven o'clock.

At present the prolonged twilight dims Saturn's apparent brilliance, but as it rises about half an hour earlier each week it will become more prominent. It will be easier to spot, too, when the bright stars of the constellation of Sagittarius are more in evidence. These will reveal the progress of this great world with its retinue of encircling Rings and nine moons.

This grand celestial spectacle, as it appears when seen through a powerful astronomical telescope, is at present travelling from east to west relative to the stars, as indicated by the arrow on the accompanying star-map. Saturn is also coming nearer, and by June 26 will be at its nearest to us for this year; it will then be about 835 million miles away.

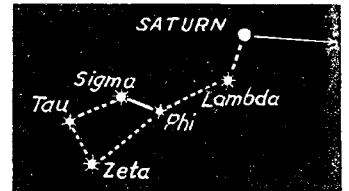
As seen with the naked eye, Saturn is now actually much

brighter than usual, because its famous Ring System is now open almost to its widest, as seen from our point of view on the Earth.

This causes the two brilliant concentric Rings, known as A and B, to appear like a vast oval, encircling the great sphere of Saturn. Actually, there is a third Ring, C, nearer to Saturn; but as this is partly transparent Saturn can be seen through it.

The surface of these Rings appears brighter than the surface of Saturn itself, so if we think of them as a gigantic mirror reflecting sunlight it is easy to understand that the more it is turned toward us the greater the amount of this reflected light would we receive.

At present this disc of light is turned toward us at about 25 degrees—much more than usual. When the Rings appear to us edge-wise, which happens only once in every 15 years, they disappear for a few days.



Present position of Saturn in Sagittarius. The arrow shows the extent of Saturn's motion until the end of August.

At present it is the north or upper side of the Rings that we are seeing. An astronomical telescope, even one of only two inches diameter, will reveal them; but it must be remembered that most astronomical telescopes invert the image they present.

Such is the celestial scene to be observed now, as Saturn speeds through space at some 360 miles a minute. The scene also includes Saturn's retinue of moons, eight of them encircling the Rings at various distances and for ever changing their relative places.

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Toronto's treasured collection of children's books

The Toronto Public Library Board has recently published a catalogue of over 3000 children's books and magazines in its treasured Osborne Collection.

The story of the search for the books is fascinating. In 1920, Mr. Edgar Osborne, a Fellow of the Library Association in Britain, came across his childhood nursery-rhyme books in a lumber-room in his home in Hampshire. How many other such places, he wondered, held the once treasured relics of youngsters?

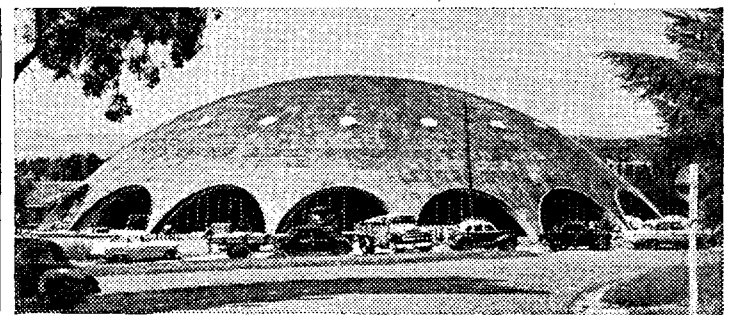
He and his wife started a search. By 1934 hundreds of old and

fascinating children's books had been routed out of attics in old mansions, from sheds and lumber-rooms, from forgotten school-house stores. In that year, the Osbornes visited Canada for the first time. The Toronto Public Library authorities were interested in the growing collection, and Mr. Osborne decided that one day he would present the books to that great Canadian city. In 1949 he handed over "The Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books," to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

There are numerous valuable

first editions, the earliest item being a copy of *Aesop's Fables*, published by the Plantin Press of Antwerp in 1566. Another treasured volume, said to be one of the rarest in the world, is a first printing of Edward Lear's famous *Book of Nonsense*. There are also hand-engraved pioneer editions of Hans Andersen's stories; a copy (dated 1765) of *Goody Two-Shoes*, the earliest English story-book written directly for children still in print; and examples of early work by Kate Greenaway.

Thanks to the zeal of an English librarian, this fine collection of children's books have been preserved for Canadian children of today and of tomorrow.



DOMES IN A MOAT

This unusual building at Canberra is the new home of the Australian Academy of Science. It consists of a single massive dome of concrete covered with copper, and it rests on arches standing in a moat. A bridge of glass crosses the moat and leads to the entrance.

Courtesy of the Australian News and Information Bureau.

Police Teacher!

The village policeman at Hop-ton, Suffolk, runs his own special "school" where youngsters may learn to be better cyclists. P. C. Hart gives up his spare time to the idea, and so far nine of his pupils have won proficiency certificates from the West Suffolk road safety committee.

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE



INSTALMENT 10. Watson did not tell Frankland of his suspicion that the boy he saw through the telescope was not taking food to the escaped convict, but to the mysterious second man on the moor—the man Watson believed to be connected with the Hound. Leaving Frankland, he crossed the moor towards the hill where the boy had disappeared.

Beyond the hill, in a desolate part of the moor, he came on an old stone hut. Thinking this must be the lair of the mystery man, he drew his revolver. Then, with tingling nerves, he cautiously approached the dark entrance.

The hut was deserted, but was evidently being used. There were empty food tins, the remains of a loaf, a raincoat, and a bundle which Watson thought was the one he had seen the boy furtively carrying across the moor.

Then he got a shock. He found a message proving that the hut's unknown occupant was employing the boy to spy on his movements! Once again he had the eerie, helpless feeling of a secret enemy drawing a fine net round him and Sir Henry Baskerville with infinite skill.

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At any moment the secret enemy is likely to appear. See next week's instalment

THE DAWN KILLER

by Monica Edwards

Adapted from the Children's Film Foundation production

There has been sheep-stealing and sheep-worrying on Romney Marsh, and Tom Huddy's big cross-bred sheepdog, Lion, has been caught threatening a flock. Killer-dogs are always shot, but Mr. Hawkes, the owner of the sheep, decides not to bring any action against Lion until after the Southern Counties Sheepdog Trials. On the day of the Trials Mr. Hawkes' own collie, Glen, is missing just before he was due to set out. Twelve-year-old Colin Hawkes and his younger sister Anna are riding to look for him, and are misdirected by Tom Huddy.

12. LONG SEARCH

Huddy's old car disappeared round the corner and Colin turned and looked at Anna blankly.

"What shall we do?"

Anna frowned, fingering her reins.

"I suppose he's just as likely to be right as not. But it's just what I said the other day about the Huddys—what they say never seems to have anything at all to do with the truth; it's just what they want you to believe."

Colin made up his mind.

"After all, Dad's gone the other way. Let's try."

Suddenly wheeling the ponies, they cantered off towards the middle of the Marsh.

Eli Hoad was making a round of the flocks before leaving with Shep to watch the last and most important half of the Southern Counties Trials. The old man's face was very grave. He had counted all the sheep and now was counting them again.

Seven sheep missing

"Comes the same each time. Shep old man. Seven missing. Them was my special ewes, too." He looked out over the flock, then turned to his collie again. "Us can't tell the master on the morning of his great day, ole feller. I lay we gotter go home first and spruce up as fine as we can for him to see him win the Cup outright; and then afterwards we tellim."

Colin pulled up Misty at a paddocked gate and stared over it, baffled and anxious.

"I wish one of us had a watch. It must be nearly two already."

Anna swung round in her saddle.

"Colin! I've had an idea!"

"What, another?"

"Listen! If we could re-borrow Dinah, she might be able to track Glen."

Colin whistled softly.

"So she might!"

"We aren't an awful long way from where Nancy lives, now."

"Come on, let's try! We haven't

a second to spare if we're going to get him back before it's too late." While he was still speaking he was gathering up his reins and swinging Misty round towards the distant road.

In a great field, not far from Rye, the Southern Counties Sheepdog Trials were proceeding in brilliant hot sunshine. For this big and much-talked-of event the spectators' area was now absolutely crowded. Every Marshman knew the fame of Jack Hawkes' Glen, as they all knew the rugged and notorious character of the brilliant cross-bred Lion.

Feelings were strongly divided about these dogs, the two outstanding competitors in the Trials. That the Cup would be won by one of them seemed to be accepted as a foregone conclusion, but as to which one—this, it would seem, depended on whether one's sympathies were with the classic, true-bred, perfectly-trained collie, or with the rough and picturesque genius of the gipsy dog.

Tom Huddy sees a van

Standing under a tall oak with Joe and Lion, Tom Huddy took out his watch and looked at it. His glance roved off round the field, as if seeking something, and then he saw what he sought, and so did Joe.

"Dad—that's Mr. Hawkes' van."

"I got eyes," said Huddy briefly. Then noticing that the boy was kneeling with his arm round Lion's heavy shoulders: "Less of that: making a softy of him. I told you often enough, he's a working sheepdog."

"Yus, Dad." Joe gave the big dog a furtive pat before drawing apart from him, his eyes never leaving the brake from Owlars Farm.

"He ent got Glen with him, Dad."

Joe is anxious

There was no answer, and Joe went on: "Dad! What'll they do to our Lion after the Trials? Mr. Hawkes is taking him away from us, ain't he, Dad? What'll happen to him?" His shrill voice went higher with anxiety as he searched his father's poker face.

"You shut up," said Tom Huddy, more out of habit than unkindness, and Joe closed into himself, behind a heavy curtain of fear and sadness.

Jack Hawkes drove as close as he could do to the Secretary's tent and then leapt out and made his way there, threading through the crowds. In the milky shadows inside the tent the Secretary glanced up.

"Oh, hallo, Jack!" He sounded relieved. "You're due on after this one. I was beginning to wonder where you were."

Mr. Hawkes laid his hands on the Secretary's table and looked at him urgently.

"Clem, my dog's missing. Can you put him on later in the day?"

"Jack—I'm sorry to hear that. Half the crowd's come especially to see your Glen fight it out with Huddy's Lion. Yes, of course I'll shunt him on a bit. Say, after Sam Winter's Flash, eh? That'll be about four o'clock."

"Thank you, Clem! We're all out looking—I hope I'll have him here on time." He swung round abruptly and strode out of the tent door.

At the white gate of Nancy Dickson's cottage Colin and Anna

to Cloudy again while Nancy bundled herself and Dinah into a small car parked outside the cottage and slammed the door. Ponies and car shot off into the hot dry dust, in different directions but both racing for Owlars Farm.

Nancy was the first to get there. Again she wasted no time, but explained the situation to Cathy, whom she found distractedly walking up and down by the gate, while she buckled on Dinah's tracking harness.

"It's unbelievably bad luck for him to disappear just now. I only hope Dinah can help, but this business of a dog tracking a dog is always chancy."

Hot and blowing, the looking ponies came pounding into the yard, the young Hawkes' dismounting as they were still plunging to a halt. Anna gave Cloudy's reins to Colin and rushed across the yard.

"Oh, I am glad you're here! Can we start now?"

"We want something of Glen's first, so that Dinah can get his scent."

They all hurried round the house to the front porch, which was hung with roses now, but nobody looked at those.

"These are his things, here."

Everyone watched intently while Nancy picked up the old chewed broom-head, in a hand gloved for the purpose, and held it close to Dinah's sensitive muzzle.

"Now show me the last place where you know Glen was."

Cathy looked at Colin.

"It would be the front gate, wouldn't it? And no one else has been through there, since."

Dinah leads the way

At the garden gate Nancy held Dinah's muzzle to the ground. The Alsatian drew long, deep breaths as Colin opened the gate.

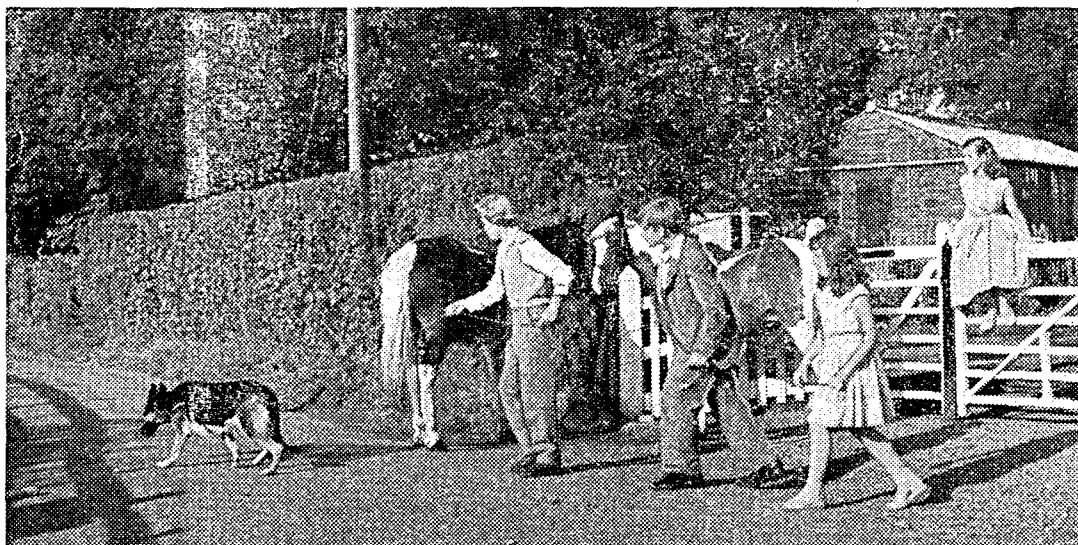
"Dinah, find!"

Anna leaned urgently towards the dog.

"You simply must find, this time, Dinah!"

"Sh! Mustn't distract her."

Nancy laid a light hand on Anna's shoulder. "She'll find him if anyone can."



Dinah picks up Glen's scent and Nancy Dickson and the young Hawkeses follow her

were jumping from their saddles. Anna ran up the garden path and knocked so loudly that the door hurt her knuckles. A deep bark answered from inside. Anna turned back, whisper-shouting to Colin: "Thank heavens she's in! Or at least Dinah is."

The door opened and Anna saw that Nancy Dickson was dressed ready to go out. Standing behind her, still and watchful, was the tracker-dog Dinah.

"Anna!"

"Oh, Nancy—Glen's lost, and he's competing for the Southern Counties Cup today. We've looked everywhere. Oh, please, could we borrow Dinah again and see if she can track him?"

Nancy was not one to lose valuable minutes with needless palaver.

"You're only just in time; I'd have left for the Trials myself in another five minutes." She glanced at her watch. "Now, look, ride home as fast as you can and I'll follow by road with Dinah in my car. She wouldn't work for anyone but me, you know, so I'll have to come, too."

Anna clasped her hands together with ecstatic gratefulness. "Oh, thank you, thank you!" Then she was rushing to leap on

"I know—his old broom-head, that he likes to chew! It's on his mat in the porch." Anna was about to dash away but Nancy stopped her.

"Don't bring it, or your scent will be on it, too, and she won't know who to track. We'll take her to it."

"It's this way." Anna tore off.

"Wait for me," called Colin.

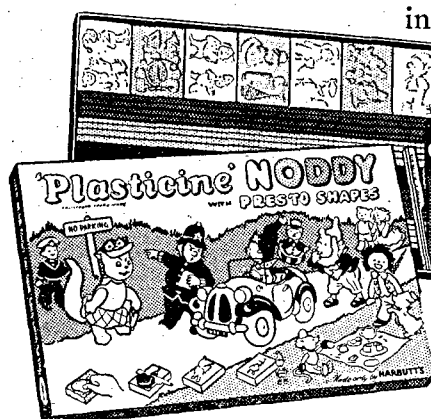
For a moment everyone's eyes were on the tracker-dog as she cast about for direction; then she set off through the gate and down the road. Nancy followed, uncoiling the tracking-line as Dinah pressed ahead. Glancing back at Colin and Anna, she said: "I think you ought to be riding, because of coming back quickly if we get far afield."

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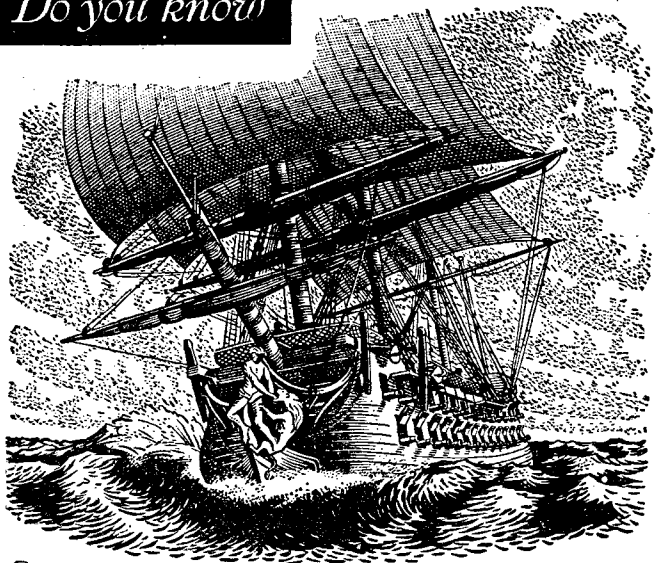


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Bouquet from Australia

THE high value stamps of Australia, some of which show the portrait of an Australian Aborigine, are being replaced by stamps depicting Australian flowers. One of these, the 2s.



value, showing the flannel flower, has already appeared.

Other flowers to be pictured in this series are Christmas bells, wattle, banksia, and waratah. All these stamps have been designed by Miss Margaret Stones, an Australian artist who is now at the Royal Botanic Gardens, at Kew.

Miss Stones began drawing plants and flowers about twelve years ago and before she came to Britain, in 1951, she held exhibitions of her work in Melbourne and Sydney. Since then she has illustrated a number of books, including one on Snowdrops and Snowflakes, for the Royal Horticultural Society.

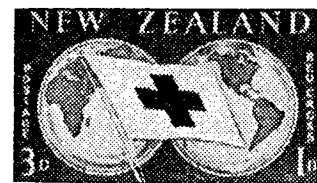
One of her most exciting commissions was the design for the title-page of the book presented by the United Nations to the late Professor Gilbert Murray on his 90th birthday. Her design showed flowers representing Australia, Professor Murray's birthplace, Britain, the land of his adoption, and Greece, the country in whose history and literature he was an outstanding scholar.

New low value stamps are also being issued in Australia, the latest being the 3d. stamp which ap-

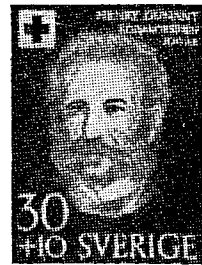


peared last month. Blue-green in colour, the stamp shows the Queen's portrait, with a border pattern of wattle and briar-rose.

FROM New Zealand comes a special stamp in honour of the International Red Cross. It has a face value of fourpence, but only threepence of this may be used for postage, the extra penny from the sale of each stamp going to the New Zealand Red Cross Society. The stamp is blue, with the cross in red on a white flag.



The Swedish Red Cross is also to benefit from sales of a charity stamp. This shows a portrait of Henri Dunant, the Swiss banker who founded the International Red Cross a century ago. Collectors who obtain this Swedish stamp will find that specimens have perforations on two or three sides only. Those with two imperforate sides are



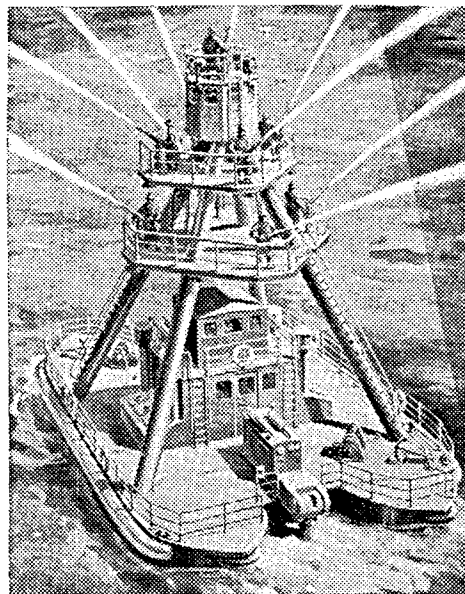
printed in long strips, or coils, for sale in stamp-vending machines. The others, with one imperforate side, are sold in stamp booklets.

THE latest addition to the series of Outline books published by Methuen is *Stamps and Stamp Collecting*, by H. M. Burton (10s. 6d.). Intended for the beginner, the book answers many of the questions he—or she—is likely to ask, from "Why collect stamps?" to "Shall I join a Stamp Club?"

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For fighting harbour fires

This three-decker fire-float is being built for the British Petroleum Company and will be stationed in Swansea Harbour. It is mounted on twin pontoons and driven by two diesels housed between them. Nine nozzles, so arranged that seven can be trained on the same objective, deliver water at 3,100 gallons a minute, or foam at 12,000 gallons a minute.



THE DAWN KILLER

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"All right—don't wait. We'll catch you up."

Cathy was at the gate when they rode past and called out to them.

"I'll tell Dad when he comes back and then wait for any news."

Colin raised a hand to her, then swung Cloudy up on to the grass verge that stretched beside the narrow Marsh road.

"She's going a lick, now," he said to Anna, his eyes on the dog.

"And Nancy jolly well can get a move on, too."

"Gosh, look at that!"

Suddenly Dinah, at the end of her line, had swerved across the verge and jumped a gate on to a little-used cart-track that led through fields towards a distant farmhouse in a cluster of tall trees.

Colin whistled.

"That's where Dad must have missed him!" He pressed Cloudy into a canter.

To be continued

Comfort in the cowshed

Bedtime is luxury time for the cows on Gosford Farm at Kidlington, Oxfordshire. They sleep on soft plastic foam mattresses.

The idea occurred to their owner, Major Anthony Bramley, when he was trying to think of something to replace long straw, which is very expensive in these days of combine harvesting.

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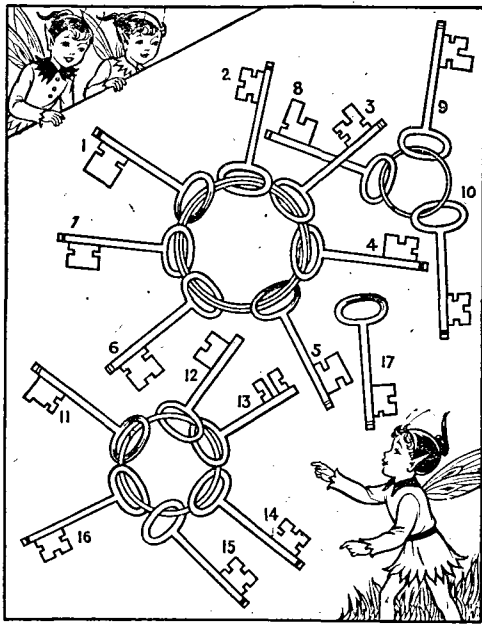
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PUZZLE PARADE

Choosing the keys

IN this illustration there are 17 keys, but they are not all alike.

How many keys can you find which would fit the same lock?



IN THE AIR

Can you name the countries which operate the following air lines?

AER LINGUS. Iberia. S.A.S. L.A.I. Sabena.

Characters in Shakespeare

Take two consecutive letters from each of the four words in every group to form the names of characters in Shakespeare plays.

APPROVAL, frosty, supper, chrome. Theatre, germinate, nation, anemone.

Abate, mission, chant, decision. Acorn, garden, melts, phial.

Bird puzzle

ALTHOUGH it is a kind of bird and flies on pretty wings, It hasn't any feathers and it never, never sings. It's good around the garden, where it spends long, busy hours. Eating lots of greenfly which would harm the shrubs and flowers.

MIXED COMPOSERS

The jumbled names of five famous composers are given below. When you have sorted them out, re-arrange the order so that the initial letters will form the name of another composer.

DYNAH. TIZLS. FENCHBOAF. CHOKTIVASKY. STRUBECH

Choice of counties

By rearranging the names of the boys and girls below you will be able to form the names of seven English counties.

TOM SERSE; Roy Shrike; Brenda Clum; Alan Riches; Ron L. Claw; Hebe Dirrys; Don M. Lewarts.

WHAT AM I?

My first is in bush but not in tree,
My next is in loose but not in free.
My third you will find in black not white.
My fourth in blindness as well as in sight.
My fifth is hidden in suds not soap,
My sixth is in anger but not in hope.
My seventh's in day but never in night,
My eighth is in wrestle but not in fight.
My whole is a time we all love to enjoy,
Bringing all sorts of fun to each girl and each boy.

TOWN CRIERS

HERE is a good game for any number of players at your next party. The players are seated and the first one calls out the name of a town, and then counts up to ten. It is then the next player's turn, and he has to call out the name of a town which begins with the last letter of the first player's town. For example: the first player might call Brighton; the second player would then have to name a town beginning with the letter N.

The game goes on right round the room, any player failing to name a town within the counting of ten having to drop out. The winner will be the last player left in the game.

Harrowing

AN eccentric old fellow from Harrow.
Went shooting with long-bow and arrow.
He said "Given luck,
"I'll bag pheasant or duck,"
But he never got even a sparrow.

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly

- Answers are given in column 5
- The hall has good *acoustics*.
A—Up-to-date advantages.
B—Conducts sound well.
C—Plenty of room.
 - He is an *inveterate* gambler.
A—With a long-established habit.
B—Not to be trusted.
C—Always unlucky.
 - Such hopes are *ephemeral*.
A—Do not last long.
B—Inspired by noble motives.
C—Spread from one to another.
 - Some *caustic* comments were made.
A—Idle chatter.
B—Cutting remarks.
C—Produced the required effect.
 - The villagers were *demoralised*.
A—Moved away.
B—Wiped out.
C—Disheartened.
 - His plan is a *nebulous* one.
A—To help his relations.
B—Extremely vague.
C—Wicked and unjust.

Billy wanted a book

DADDY was just putting the finishing touches to the book shelves he had fitted in an alcove in the front room.

"A good book is the best of friends," he said to Billy as he stepped back to admire his handiwork. "And we should learn to take care of them. In future your books can go in the shelves instead of being scattered all over the house."

A good idea, thought Billy—until the next day when he could not find his stamp album. He hunted through the shelves, but it was nowhere to be seen. Then he spotted it—on the top shelf.

Billy tried to get it by climbing on to a stool, but it was still out of reach. So he called Daddy in from the garden.

"Not much good putting your books on the top shelf, is it?" said Daddy with a grin as he stretched upwards. But even he could not reach. He jumped on the stool and pulled at the album. But it seemed to be jammed.

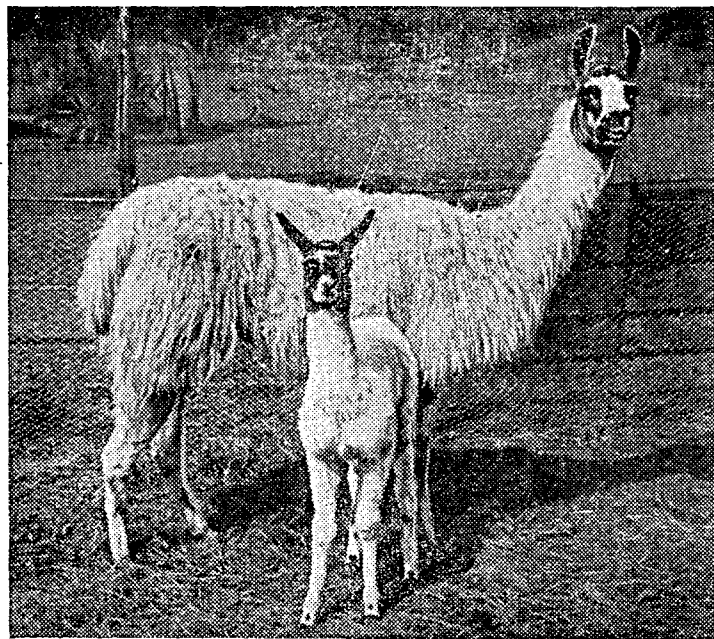
He tugged and tugged—and suddenly it came free, bringing a whole heap of others tumbling about his head.

As Daddy stood red-faced and fuming, Billy spotted his album. "Thanks for getting it, Daddy," he said as he picked it up. "But don't you think we should find an easier way of getting them down?"

Daddy glared at him. Then he picked up a book in mock anger and pretended to throw it at Billy. "Careful, Daddy," said Billy from the door. "Remember that a book is the best of friends."

Mother Llama and her big baby

George II is the name of this llama born last month in the private zoo of Mrs. Alice Brown at Sidmouth, and here seen with his mother, Clarissa. Mrs. Brown opens her gardens to the public on Sundays during the summer to help various charities.



THE JOKE

SUPPOSE you met an African,
A Jap from far away,
A Chinese or an Indian boy,
I wonder what you'd say?
I'm very sure you couldn't speak
The language of each land,
But if you laughed—oh, that's a thing
You all could understand.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Choosing the keys. 5—2, 10, 14, 15, 16. In the air. Eire; Spain; Scandinavian Air System (Sweden, Norway and Denmark); Italy; Belgium. Characters in Shakespeare. Prospero; Hermione; Bassanio; Cordelia. Bird puzzle. Ladybird. Mixed composers. Haydn; Liszt; Offenbach; Tchaikovsky; Schubert—rearranged to form HOLST. Choice of counties. Somerset; Yorkshire; Cumberland; Lancashire; Cornwall; Derbyshire; Westmorland. What am I? Holidays.

JUST A FEW WORDS

- B. Acoustics (treated as singular) is the science of sound; (as plural) properties of conducting sound, dependent on the structure of a building. (From Greek *akoustikos*—*akouein*, to hear.)
- A. Inveterate means deeply-rooted; long confirmed in a habit. (From Latin *inveteratus*, long continued.)
- A. Ephemeral means living or lasting only for a short time. (From Greek *ephemeros*, for a day.)
- B. Caustic means burning away, or into, and so severe. (From Greek *kaustikos*, burning.)
- C. To demoralise is to deprive of spirit and confidence; to dishearten. (From French *demoraliser*.)
- B. Nebulous means hazy; vague; (From Latin *nebula*, mist.)

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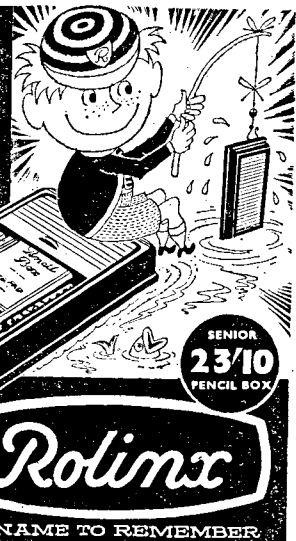
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GETTING READY FOR THE PEBBLE RELAY

Running from John o' Groats to Land's End

DURING the next two months four attempts will be made to beat the record for the world's longest relay run—from Land's End to John o' Groats.

The cross-country teams of the universities of Exeter, Cambridge, Birmingham, and Bristol will each attempt to cover the 879 miles in under 105½ hours, the time taken by the Oxford University team which first ran the course in 1957.

The race has become known as the Pebble Relay, because when the first Oxford runner set off from Land's End he carried with him a pebble picked from the beach. Passed from runner to runner, it was eventually left in the hotel at John o' Groats,

to be taken south by any team attempting to beat their record.

This year, however, there will be two pebbles at Britain's most northerly hotel, for on June 19 the cross-country team of Exeter University will carry one from Land's End. Four days later a Cambridge University team will set out from John o' Groats with the original pebble.

On July 14 the much-travelled stone will be on its way north again, this time taken by eight runners from Birmingham University. And on August 24 the fourth team, Bristol University, will make the reverse journey to Land's End.

Good "staff-work" will be necessary during the race, for after each runner has covered his ten-mile leg he will be driven by car to the point where he next takes over—70 miles along the route. While he is waiting he will enjoy some sleep and some food.

Feet first

Queueing up for the high jump at the London County Council playing fields at Morden, Surrey, where hundreds of youngsters are coached in athletics every week.



High hopes in the Davis Cup

BRITAIN should take a step further towards the European Zone Final of the Davis Cup this week when Mike Davies, Bobby Wilson, Billy Knight, and Alan Mills play the Chilean team at Bournemouth.

Strangely enough, Chile's defeat

of Sweden in the second round has enhanced Britain's chances of winning. Luis Ayala, the Chilean No. 1, is probably the world's best player on hard courts, but is not nearly so formidable an opponent on grass as the Swedes. Davies and Wilson, on the other hand, are at their best on this surface.

Three years ago Britain beat Chile at Bristol, in spite of Ayala winning both his singles. Our young players have improved greatly since then and should certainly repeat the victory.

Bowling along for 47 years

MR. SYDNEY JOHNSON, left-arm spin bowler of the Monk Bretton Cricket Club, Yorkshire, has a record worthy of mention. He is enjoying his 47th season with this club, having played for it since he was 13.

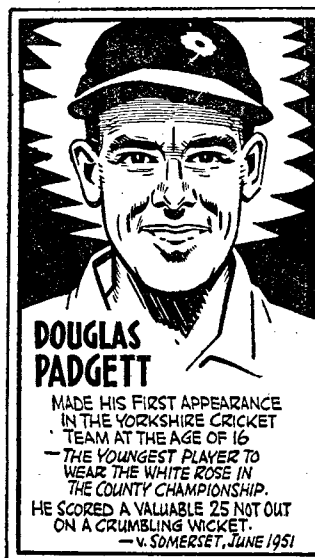
Altogether he has captured well over 2000 wickets, and on four occasions has taken all ten wickets in an innings.

Great start for Edrich

FOUR of the Edrich family became well-known in first-class cricket, and now a fifth member—21-year-old John—has made a wonderful start to his career with Surrey.

In seven innings this season he has scored four centuries, including centuries in each innings of the match with Notts.

A farmer's son from Blofield, he went from school to the Norfolk Second XI. At the age of 17 he topped the Norfolk (Minor Counties) XI batting averages, and joined Surrey in 1955, prior to his National Service.



DOUGLAS PADGETT

MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE YORKSHIRE CRICKET TEAM AT THE AGE OF 16 — THE YOUNGEST PLAYER TO WEAR THE WHITE ROSE IN THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. HE SCORED A VALUABLE 25 NOT OUT ON A CRUMBLING WICKET. — V. SOMERSET, JUNE 1951



Sporting Flashbacks

THE FIRST GREAT INDIAN CRICKETER — PERHAPS THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL — WAS

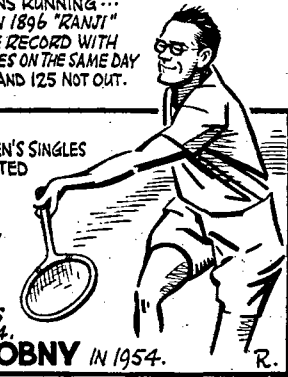
K.S. RANJITSINHJI

WHO PLAYED FOR SUSSEX FROM 1895 TO 1904 AND HEADED THE COUNTY BATTING AVERAGES FOR SEVEN SEASONS RUNNING... AGAINST YORKSHIRE IN 1896 "RANJI" SET UP A REMARKABLE RECORD WITH TWO SEPARATE CENTURIES ON THE SAME DAY — 100 AND 125 NOT OUT.

THE WIMBLEDON MEN'S SINGLES WERE FIRST CONTESTED IN 1877...

IN ALL THE YEARS SINCE THAT TIME ONLY TWO LEFT-HANDED PLAYERS HAVE WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP... NORMAN BROOKES IN 1907 AND 1914.

JAROSLAV DROBNY IN 1954.



Fewer athletes for the Olympic Games

AS a result of the decisions reached by the International Amateur Athletics Federation, Britain's team for the Olympic Games may be the smallest for many years.

Previously each country has been allowed to enter three competitors in each event. Now, to limit the numbers, it has been agreed that only one athlete may be automatically admitted and that the other two must reach a qualifying standard.

The standards in the track events are, with the exception of the

100 metres and 110 metres hurdles, within the capabilities of a number of our athletes. But it is a very different story in the field events.

Only Arthur Rowe, Mike Ellis, and Mike Lindsay (now studying in the U.S.) would qualify under the new standards.

Another decision made by the I.A.A.F. is to run the 800 metres in lanes. This will prevent the bumping and jostling as competitors manoeuvre for position in the dash for the first bend.

First time at the Olympics

TANGANYIKA, the United Nations Trust Territory in East Africa which is administered by Britain, is now eligible to compete in the Olympic Games in its own right. A scroll inviting a Tanganyika team to take part in the Games in Rome next year was recently handed over at a special presentation ceremony at Dar-es-Salaam, capital of the territory.

Tanganyika hopes to enter a team of athletes, and candidates will be showing their paces at championships later this year.

Up the Blues—and Whites

WHEN the new football season opens in August, Southend United, long known as "The Blues," because of their traditional blue shirts, are to play in white with blue piping. Coventry City, whose broad blue and white stripes are familiar all over the country, are also to change their colours—to all-white.

Self-help for Ski-ers

THOUSANDS of ski-ers in all parts of Britain are raising a "Help Yourself" Fund to enable a team to go to America in February next year to compete in the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, Idaho.

The appeal, which is being organised by the Ski Club of Great Britain, is to help selected ski-ers to get special training.

The British Olympic Association is expected to equip a small team of ski-ers and skaters and to pay their accommodation.

"We do not know how big the British contingent for Squaw Valley will be," says Major Chilver-Stainer, the Ski Club's secretary, "but the ski-ers who go will want all the extra training they can get."

Sir Len and son

THERE were two Huttons in the M.C.C. versus Repton School match—Sir Len and his 16-year-old son Robin. And Hutton junior came off best!

Robin scored a lively 61, and his famous father was out for three!

World record for Brian

A WORLD-RECORD score was achieved by 15-year-old Brian Phelps during the international trials to pick the diving team to meet East Germany in Berlin this week-end.

Brian scored 156.14 marks from his ten dives, 13 more than his total when winning the European Championship last year and nearly four more than the winner of the 1956 Olympics.

A courageous performance was put up in the trials by John Candler of Highgate. The day before, while practising, he hit his head on the diving board and had to have eight stitches put in. With bandages, sponge pad, and cap,

John insisted on diving, earning second place and a place in the team. Our picture shows Brian Phelps (left) and John Candler.



SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is Australia's leading amateur tennis player?
2. How many cricketers have scored 1000 runs in the month of May?
3. What is a pen-holder grip in table tennis?
4. Where are the 1964 Olympic Games to be held?
5. What is the lowest round ever scored in tournament golf?
6. Peter Richardson, England's opening bat, has left Worcestershire. For which county?

1. Neale Fraser, 2. W. G. Grace, W. Hammond, and C. Hallows. With an April start, Tom Hayward, Bill Edrich, and Don Bradman (twice) also scored 1000 runs by the end of May. 3. When the handle is held between thumb and forefinger. 4. Tokyo. 5. Fifty-nine. 6. Kent.